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21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Program Goal

- The 21st Century Scholars Ambassador Program will train and mobilize upperclassmen college Scholar volunteers to serve as peer mentors, tutors and support fellow Scholars.
- Ambassadors will be eligible to receive a \$500 Scholarship for their participation.



Program Funding

Financial support will come from the 21st Century Scholars Support Fund:

- The fund was created to help Scholars cover unmet educational expenses (e.g., textbooks, room and board, unmet tuition costs, etc.)
- The fund is supported through a 21st Century Scholar tax credit, which provides a credit of up to 50% of donation on state taxes
- Current Fund Balance = \$109,920.00



Program Requirements

In order to receive the Ambassador Scholarship, an Ambassador must:

- Be enrolled in at least 15 credit hours each semester;
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher;
- Meet all 21st Century Scholarship college requirements; and
- Complete a minimum of 80 hours of peer mentoring per semester (avg. 5 hours per week).



21st Century ScholarCorps Program

- Aims to increase 21st Century Scholar retention and success by providing on-campus programming, direct support and connecting students to various on-campus resources, information and services needed to be successful in college.
- Each ScholarCorps member is charged with providing Scholars with resources in alignment with four programmatic areas, including:
 - 1.) *Academic Performance and Persistence,*
 - 2.) *Student Engagement and Enrichment,*
 - 3.) *Career Exploration and Preparation, and*
 - 4.) *Financial Literacy and Debt Management*



Ambassador Program Administration

The Ambassador Program will be administered through our ScholarCorps host site campuses. Responsibilities include:

- Recruit upperclassmen Scholars (junior and seniors) to serve as peer mentors to freshmen Scholars;
- Provide on-going training, management and support;
- Track and monitor service hours;
- Manage and administer Scholarship disbursement; and
- Comply with reporting requirements at the end of each semester.



Advantages of Ambassador Model

Using ScholarCorps campuses for the initial rollout of the Ambassador Program has several advantages:

- The program directly aligns with four ScholarCorps programmatic goals;
- Provides incentives for engaged Scholar students;
- Rewards campuses already supporting Commission-sponsored initiatives;
- Builds upon existing institutional processes for distribution of funds and reporting.



Campus Mentoring Program

Indiana State University

ScholarCorps is a registered student organization led by current 21 Century Scholars who attend ISU. Elected officers plan a wide variety of programs and services including social events, peer mentoring, and workshops ranging from financial aid to study abroad opportunities.



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Campus Mentoring Program

IUPUI

IUPUI's 21st Century Scholars Peer Mentoring Program is designed to assist first-year Scholars with their transition into the IUPUI community. The program provides each Scholar with caring mentors, role models, and network events that focus on developing strategies for academic and personal success.



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Campus Mentoring Program Purdue University

College Success Advocates (CSA) assist 21st Century Scholar students achieve success at Purdue by providing academic guidance, mentoring, and advocacy that assists each student in achieving his/her academic potential.



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Implementation Timeline

July 1, 2016	Ambassador Program MOU and Fund Distribution
August 1, 2016	Ambassador Program Training and Orientation
December 15, 2016	Deadline for campuses to award Fall Ambassador Scholarship
April 15, 2017	Deadline for campuses to award Spring Ambassador Scholarship
June 30, 2017	Final Ambassador Report due to the Commission



Questions?

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